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Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Northfield, Massachu setts:: June, 1673-1923





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Town of Northfield, Mass.

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Historical Sketch

THE SETTLEMENT OF NORTHFIELD.

Before the exploration by white men, and the settlement of the town of Northfield, the territory was occupied by a tribe of Indians called the Squakheags, a name meaning "A spearing place for salmon".

Many evidences of this occupation have been discovered, proving that nearly every bluff along the river with an adjacent brook was the site of an Indian village. Among such sites the one west of Bennett's Meadow Bridge is noted as the home of King Philip from February to April, 1676.

Little is known of the antecedent history of this tribe, but it is known that they were attacked by the Mohawks in 1663, who in turn were unsuccessfully attacked by the Squakheags in 1669.

At about this time the white men appeared, and were welcomed as possible allies against the Mohawks. A sale of land was negotiated with the Indians, who probably failed to understand its full significance, and they continued to occupy their villages on the land thus sold.

Relations with the white men were friendly except during periods of temporary hostility and when incited to war by the enemies of the English.

THE FIRST SETTLEMENT.

The first steps towards the settlement of Squakheag were taken in 1670. A party frrom Northampton, including Joseph Parsons, Sr., William Janes, George Alexander and Micah Mudge, examined the location and found the Indians anxious to sell. These men, with Caleb Pomeroy, made the purchase in 1671. The original purchase contained about 10,500 acres. The sum paid is unknown, but an additional payment was made in 1686, as the Indians were dissatisfied with the original price, and a clear and satisfactory title was given. A second purchase was made in 1673 on the west bank of the Connecticut, containing 3000 acres. These two tracts comprised the town during the first settlement.

The first settlers arrived in the spring of 1673, and with them came Elder Janes. A religious service was held under an oak tree, standing until 1869. A stockade was built, houses were

commenced, and crops planted. There were sixteen families and eighty to ninety persons in this group of settlers.

The site of this stockade and the location of the oak tree are properly marked. They are near the south end of Main street.

The first settlement was short-lived. In 1675 the Indians became hostile, and after attacks on Brookfield in August, and on Deerfield in September, Northfield was ravaged and the settlers were compelled to abandon the territory.

The heroic efforts made by Captain Beers of Hadley to save Northfield from the savages were unavailing. An ambuscade threw his company into confusion and proved fatal to himself. The place of the battle on "Beers Plain" and the traditional grave of the leader are commemorated by suitable markers.

Additional forces from Hadley soon reached Northfield and guarded the remaining settlers to safety, and Northfield was abandoned.

THE SECOND SETTLEMENT.

After seven years, in 1682, steps were taken to re-settle the town, and a petition was presented to the General Court, who appointed a new committee to oversee the settlement. In 1683 rules for the settlement were agreed upon, and in 1684 streets were laid out, and perhaps some crops planted. In the spring of 1685 twenty families arrived. Additional land was granted on the south, extending the boundary to Four Mile Brook. The lands were apportioned to the settlers, such apportionment extending beyond the mouth of the Ashuelot River, thus including portions of the present towns of Hinsdale and Winchester, New Hampshire, and Vernon, Vermont.

The first town meeting was held March 18, 1686. A second fort was built on the Pentecost Place, and a well dug which still remains. The site of the fort is now indicated by a marker.

In 1687 another purchase was made from the Indians, "in consideration of the sum of forty-five pounds in trade".

In 1688, as prosperity seemed within their grasp, the settlers were again subjected to Indian attacks and savage atrocities.

This was in part at least because the enmities between France and England were transferred to their colonies, the Indians being incited to this attack by the French.

Northfield was the most northern town in this valley, and so was the outpost most exposed to attack. Hopeless of successful defense, the County Court ordered the settlers on June 25, 1790, "to transport their corn and live stock to Springfield within six to eight days". This ended the second attempt at settlement.

THE THIRD SETTLEMENT.

Not until peace came between the Mother countries did the permanent settlement of Northfield occur. Thus an interim of twenty-four years passed. In 1714 the General Court for the third time granted permission for the settlement, appointed a new committee to oversee the settlement, named the town "Northfield", and fixed certain conditions to be fulfilled by this town in "Hampshire County", Franklin County not being organized until nearly one hundred years later.

About twenty men came forward either in their own right, or in a right by inheritance or purchase, to become settlers, and in the next few years the old landmarks were re-established, the highways re-laid, and a minister, the Rev. James Whitmore, fresh from Yale College, was engaged at a salary of "twenty-five pounds, a house and subsistence for himself and a horse".

On March 17, 1717, the settlers first elected town officers, subject to the approval of the Committee appointed by the General Court to oversee the settlement of the town. Rev. Benjamin Doolittle was engaged as minister, the contract with Mr. Whitmore having expired, and in the year following a church was built and he was called to be the pastor. The people agreed to give him "for his encouragement" a house, fifty acres of meadow and swamp land, ten acres of pasture land, one hundred pounds in money payable within three years, and fifty-five pounds annually for the first five years, and seventy-five pounds thereafter, and a yearly supply of wood.

The Rev. Benjamin Doolittle was also a regularly educated physician, and, as time passed, his medical work interfered somewhat with his ministerial duties.

On April 11, 1722, the townspeople voted farms of equal size, about 700 acres in all, to the three members of the committee as compensation for their services in settling the town. These farms have since been called "Northfield Farms".

A survey of the town made at this time fixed the following boundaries: On the east side of the Connecticut, twelve miles north from Four Mile Brook. On the west side, eight miles north from Bennett's Brook. These boundaries included considerable portions of what are now Gill, Mass.; Vernon, Vt.; and Winchester and Hinsdale, N. H. This survey was confirmed by the General Court on June 21, 1733, after considerable hesitation. This section of Gill was set off from Northfield in 1795.

On June 15, 1723, the "General Assembly for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, held at Boston" granted the petition of

the proprietors and inhabitants of Northfield for the incorporation of their town, and the Committee which had managed it hitherto under appointment by the General Court was discharged.

While the trials of the early settlers and their dangers from Indian attack were not removed, never after this was the town in danger of being abandoned. And when in 1724, Fort Dummer was erected in the southern part of what is now Brattleboro, Northfield was no longer subject to direct attack by the Indians. For fifty years she had stood on the northern border with only enemies in the vast region to the north reaching to Canada.

LATER HISTORY.

The purpose of this sketch is to give an outline of the settlements of Northfield only. Her growth during the one hundred and, fifty years after incorporation followed the lines taken by other rural towns where agricultural interests predominate.

The first fifty years were stirring, dramatic, tragic. They abounded in all that makes history appealing and men heroic. The adventure into the wilderness, the struggle with natural conditions, the fight with savages, the constant fear of attack, the incessant need for caution and preparation for defense—all these conditions were present, and played their part in the development of character among the early settlers and their descendants. But these conditions were present in other towns, and played the same part in them. In this Northfield was not distinctive. It is the last fifty years that have made Northfield noted. Her early sons were heroic, as all pioneers must be, and they contributed their quota to the story of self-sacrifice by which the land was won, and, like others of similar heroism, they have lost much of their individuality, like common soldiers on the battle field who do their duty, make their sacrifices, and pass on.

MR. D. L. MOODY.

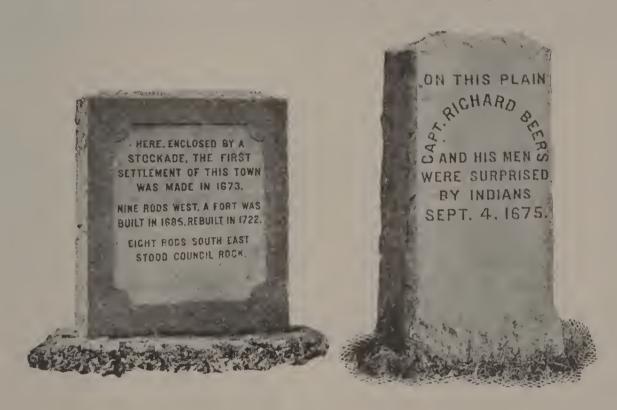
The last fifty years have through her greatest son made North-field known throughout the world as few if any small towns in this country are known. Through him a contribution has been made to the world, not alone by his personality and his preaching, but by the enduring institutions he founded.

They still speak for him, and those to whom they are committed continue the great work that he conceived and inaugurated.

⁽The above historical sketch is compiled from "All About North-field".



Northfield Academy of Useful Knowledge





Main Street, looking South



Old Trinitarian Congregational Church





Dickinson Memorial Library

The Significant Colonial History of Northfield

By FRANK L. DULEY.

A study of the dates of settlement of the first towns to be settled in the Connecticut Valley has great interest for one, particularly in the long lapse of time between the settlement of Northfield and its first neighbor on the north, Charlestown, N. H.

Following are given the dates of settlement:

1633--Hartford 1673—Northfield 1633—Windsor 1682-90-Northfield (Second 1634--Wethersfield settlement) 1635—Saybrook 1714—Northfield (third and 1636—Springfield permanene settlement) 1740—Charlestown, N. H. 1638—Chicopee 1741—Westmoreland, N. H. 1645—Lyme 1650-Miiddletown 1751—Westminster, N. H. 1645—Northampton 1752—Walpole, N. H. 1659—Hadley 1753-Bellows Falls, Vt. 1660—Westfield 1761—Guilford, Vt. 1662—Haddanı 1762—Brattleboro, Vt. 1670—Hatfield 1764—Putney, Vt. 1671—Deerfield

The nearest neighbor on the east at the time of the first settlement was Groton, settled in 1655, eighteen years earlier than that of Northfield, and Groton remained her nearest neighbor on the east until the settlement of Athol in 1735, twenty-one years after Northfield's third settlement. Northfield's nearest neighbor on the west was Troy, N. Y., settled fourteen years earlier in 1659, and Troy remained such until the settlement of Hoosick Falls in 1688, which took place during the period of the second occupation of Northfield, 1682-90. No other towns on the east were settled until twenty-three years after the settlement of Northfield, and none on the west until five years before the third settlement.

On the north sixty-seven years passed before she had her first neighbor in Charlestown, settled in 1740, and that over a quarter of a century after her third and permanent settlement. Why such a long lapse of time? The answer is found in the activities of King Philip and events connected with King William's War, the American area of the War of the League of Augsburg, fought by France against England, Holland, Austria and Spain, and ended by the Treaty of Ryswick, 1697; also in events connected with Queen Anne's War, the American area of

the War of the Spanish Succession, fought by France, Bavaria and Spain against England, Holland, Portugal, Austria, Prussia and Savoy, and ended by the Treaty of Utrecht, 1713.

In other words the claim is boldly made that Northfield was the spear-point of the English settlements in the Connecticut Valley from 1673 until 1690, with a break of seven years, against French and Indian power stretching southward down the valley from Quebec. From 1690, when the second settlement was abandoned on order of the General Court, signed June 25, 1690, until 1714, Deerfield was that spear-point. During this period of twenty-four years the question as to whether the Connecticut Valley and New England, and in fact as to whether this whole continent was to be French or English, was being decided on the battlefields of Europe by the Duke of Marlborough and William of Orange, commanding armies in whose ranks fought cousins and kinsmen of the settlers living from Saybrook at the mouth of the river up as far as Northfield, and also by the kinsmen of those Dutch who had settled the Hudson Valley from Manhattan to Albany and Troy. The issue, on continental lines, was finally decided by Gen. Wolfe on the Heights of Abraham in 1757.

So this old valley town may take pride in her history as the time of celebrating her 250th anniversary draws rapidly near.

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Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 22.

11.00 A. M.

COMMEMORATORY SERVICE.

To be held at the tablet marking the site of the final settlement of the Town in 1673, located just north of the home of Mr. E. M. Morgan, Main street. Address by the Rev. Francis W. Pattison.

2.00 P. M.

CONCERT

Given by the Greenfield Military Band, Charles M. Bickford, Director, on The Northfield Hotel grounds.

3.00 P. M.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT.

To be given on the lawn of The Hotel Northfield.

7.00 to 10.00 P. M.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT.

Dickinson Memorial Library; Music by Northfield Orchestra.

8.00 to 10.00 P. M.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS.

1. At the Home of Miss Sallie Minot; receiving with:

Mrs. Charles Williams
Mrs. Joseph Field
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Field
Rev. and Mrs. Francis W. Pattison
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Best

2. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Foreman; receiving with:

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holton Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Holton Mrs. Minnie Callender Hon. Herbert C. Parsons Miss Louise Parsons

3. At D. L. Moody Birthplace; receiving:

Mrs. A. Percy Fitt
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Doolittle
Rev. and Mrs. R. Edward Griffith
Rev. Father Carey
Miss Ethel Moody
Mrs. Elmer F. Howard

SATURDAY, JUNE 23.

9.00 A. M. to 1.00 P. M. HISTORICAL EXHIBIT.

In Dickinson Memorial Library.

9.30 A. M.

OUTDOOR SPORTS AND BALL GAME.

High School grounds

12.30 P. M.

OLD HOME GATHERINGS AND BASKET PICNIC.

High School grounds.

2.30 P. M.

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS.

Given by the Honorable B. Loring Young, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; High School grounds.

Music by School Children, under the direction of Mr. I. J. Lawrence; High School grounds.

7.30 to 8.30 P. M.

BAND CONCERT.

By Greenfield Military Band; at Hotel Northfield.

8.30 P. M.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT.

On The Northfield Hotel lawn.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24.

11.00 A. M.

High School Grounds.

UNION RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

Address by the Rev. Horace F. Holton, D. D., pastor of the Porter Congregational church of Brockton, Mass. If the weather is unfavorable this service will be held in the Northfield Seminary Auditorium.

3.00 P. M.

High School Grounds.
HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

By Hon. Herbert C. Parsons of Boston, Deputy Commissioner and Secretary of Commission on Probation for Massachusetts. Music by School Children.

Five-minute addresses by former pastors of Northfield.



St. Patrick's Catholic Church



First Parish Unitarian Church

The Guiding Star Pageant

Written and presented under the direction of LEILA M. CHURCH.

EPISODE I.

Scene I.

The discovery of the town location was made by four men from Northampton in 1669: Captain Daniel Gookin, Daniel Henchman, Captain Thomas Prentice and Captain Richard Beers.

"Children of the mighty forest, Where they hunted—sped their arrows;— Children of the fertile valley, Where the smoke rose from their wigwam".

All:

We, the children of our Fathers, Gather now to sing our praises; Sing our praises to the sunrise, Told by all the birds of forest; Sing our praises to the sunset, Told by long and darker shadows; Sing our praises to Ossoomah, To the shining star of evening. Ossoomah! Ossoomah!

Councillor:

Ossoomah rides the sky of evening, And still no braves return from combat.

Youth:

From the mountains, O, our Fathers, We have looked across the valley; Tried to see their shining arrows, Hear their shouts, and see their trophics Won by Courage from their battles—By the Courage spirit Weena. Weena! Weena!

Councillor:

They go forth to fight the Mohawks— Enemies of mighty numbers.

Youth:

Strong the arrows, O, our Fathers, Of the enemy against us; But our braves are still the stronger, Speeding arrows ever swifter; For the spirit of the skillful Keewahnoo will make them surer. Kee-wah-noo! Kee-wah-noo!

Councillor:

To the westward lies their village; Far away the Mohawk wigwams.

Youth:

O, our Fathers, to the westward
Speed our braves with faster footsteps!
In their hands the gleaming arrows!
In their hands the burning torches!
Burning all the Mohawk village
With the flaming fire Wohela.
Wohela! Wohela!

Councillor:

When the enemies are captives, Then our hearts shall be more joyous.

Youth:

When the tribes shall be forgotten
Of the enemies about us;
When the moon shall show deserted
All their hunting grounds and wigwams;
Then shall we still roam the valley,
Dwelling in this land forever.

Long as dawn shall bring the sunrise; Long as evening follows sunset; With the guiding star of heaven Shining over land and water; Until there shall be no longer Sky above the land and water, Sing and offer praise to Ne-ja! To the spirit of our freedom. Ne-ja! Ne-ja! Ne-ja!

Entrance of Warriors.

Mount Hermon Students and Northfield

Councillor:

Many times the sun has risen and set since you left us to go forth to battle, and no captives are among you.

Massenet:

The sun shall rise and set no more on Panoot and our braves, for many are the Mohawks, mighty are their numbers.

Nessacoscom:

The moon shines down on the graves of many of our brothers.

Massenet:

Tribute must we render; otter and ermine and wampum. Councillor:

We will gather once more and rise against them.

Nessacoscom:

Many are the Mohawks; mighty are their numbers.

Keerwis:

O, our Fathers, many are the white men, whose arrows blaze fire and destruction.

Councillor:

White men who come, seeking to buy our land.

Massenet:

Many are our hunting grounds, and wide our valley. With the white man's wampum we may render tribute to the Mohawks.

Councillor:

Let us, then, give land to the white man, that we may unite with them to be the stronger.

Massenet:

Wide are our valleys. Let us give land to the Palefaces, whose guns are mighty in combat. Let us make stronger our numbers, that we may dwell here forever, with the spirit of our Freedom.

Ne-ja! Ne-ja! Ne-ja!

INDIAN SINGER.
Philip Porter

Indian Warriors
Councillors

Squaws Youths

EPISODE II.

Scene I.

"And the stars of the sky shall guide them by night; and Courage, with her handmaidens—Progress, Religion, Education, Industry, Justice, and Patriotism—shall be their day-star of might."

Dance of the Stars.

STAR GROUP.

Scene II.

"Courage, their guiding star."

In the spring of 1673 the first families arrived from North-ampton to settle on the land already laid out.

CHARACTERS.

Ralph Hutchinson		John Alexander
Elder William Janes		George Alexander
Robert Lyman		Samuel Wright
John Hilyard		Thomas Webster
Joseph Dickinson		William Miller
Micah Mudge ,		William Clarke
	Joseph 1	Parsons

Scene III.

The first summer religious services were held out of doors under an oak tree, known later as Memorial Oak. Elder William Janes conducted the services.

Elder Janes:

"As it has pleased the God of Righteousness to safely direct us hither to this pleasant valley, let us sing of that love which is our rock and our refuge forever, and offer praise to Him for all His goodness".

Hymn (Dundee).

"How sweet and awful is the place, With Christ within the doors; While everlasting love displays The choicest of her stores!

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongues:
'Lord, why was I a guest?'

'Twas the same love that spread the feast That sweetly drew us in; Else we had still refused to taste, And perished in our sin'.

Elder Janes:

And now may our Heavenly Father be with us and strengthen us, that we may establish the glory of His Kingdom in a new land. Amen".

Scene IV.

Indian Council.

Brave:

The white man's harvest is more plentiful with each passing of the moon; many are the Palefaces on our hunting grounds.

Brave:

The lands of the children of our Fathers grow less, as the sun rises and sets.

Brave:

The lands of the Pacomtocks and the Nonotucks, down the river, have grown less, for many are the white men there.

Brave:

The Pacomtocks and Nonotucks below us have risen against the white man within two suns. The moon shines down upon the graves of the white man.

Brave:

Let us drive the Paleface from our land, that we may rejoice in the spirit of our Freedom. Ne-ja! Ne-ja!

Captain Beers started from Hadley, Friday, September 3, with a company of men, and arrived at Northfield on Saturday, losing his own life and that of over half his men in a skirmish with the Indians.

Major Treat, from Hartford, and his men, came to the rescue on Monday, September 6, and released the garrisoned colonists, and guarded them on their hasty desertion of their settlement.

FIRST SETTLERS.

Herbert A. Reed Mrs. Herbert A. Reed Mrs. Bessie Severance Mrs. Sidney Tyler Ralph Reed Alexander H. Pearson Mrs. Alexander H. Pearson Mrs. Ralph Holton Mrs. George Pefferle Charles L. Johnson Mrs. Charles L. Johnson Myron S. Johnson Katherine Johnson
George T. Thompson
Mrs. George T. Thompson
Paul Thompson Robert Thompson Herbert H. Chamberlin Mrs. Herbert H. Chamberlin Mrs. Thomas H. Parker Tommy Parker Mrs. D. B. Stevens Charles E. Bittinger Seth Field Eleanor Mobbs
Harry M. Bristol
Flora E. Bristol
Florence N. Streeter
Belle C. Mason
Janet Todd Clifford Field Albert Irish Janet Roberts Mrs. Leon P. Lilly Emily Lilly Irene Davis Arthur S. Merrill Mrs. Arthur S. Merrill Bert Newton Georgie Piper Michael Kelly

Allen Newton Mrs. Clarence Griggs Dorothy Gordon Elizabeth Gordon Anne Gordon Frederick Lepan Stephen Haranak Elizabeth Boltwood John Haranak Chauncey Newton Mrs. Chauncey Newton Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge Leon R. Alexander Mrs. Bert Newton Mrs. Joseph Field Mrs. Frank Montague Robert Quinlan Osman Haven Genevieve Alexander Robert Todd Elinor Todd William Todd Elmer F. Howard Miss Sallie Minot Richard Tyler Edward Reed Lawrence Lazelle Mrs. Merrill T. Moore Merritt C. Skilton Mrs. J. A. Stebbins T. R. Callender Mrs. George Slate Mrs. Arnold Holton Mrs. Howard Hoxie Margaret Hoxie Joseph R. Colton Mrs. Joseph R. Colton Evangeline Colton Priscilla Colton Robert Ware Aaron Newton

Captain Beers Theodore F. Darby

SOLDIERS.

Gordon Buffum Isaac Bellows Ray Thompson R. W. Lane Harry Kelly Paul Jordan Ralph Holton

Max Huber
Fred Huber
Donald Finch
Henry Holton
George Gordon
Stanford Sword
Royal Bryant

Major Treat Stephen J. Breen

SOLDIERS.

Fred Bolton
Franz George
Earl Shine
Lee Sheldon
Henry Bristol
Stephen Langton

George Sheldon Roger Lyman Robert Abbott Alvin Dugar Glen Hammond Albert Spencer

EPISODE III.

Scene I.

"Courage, their day-star of might".

Meeting at Northampton, 1714.

Samuel Partridge:

The purpose for which we have met has been made plain to you all, and the reading of the resolutions you have already heard, in regard to the re-settlement of the land known as Squawkeag, or the North Field. If it is the pleasure of the meeting, Henry Dwight shall now read for you these resolutions.

Dwight:

"We, the undersigned, do affirm our desire to settle upon the lands of Squawkeag, as laid out by the committee appointed by the General Assembly, and do agree to settle 40 families upon the same within two years, and that new names shall hereby take the place of those departed this life since the first and second settlements. The apportionment of the lots already agreed upon herein follows".

Samuel Partridge:

You have heard these resolutions, and several of you have already signified your desire to occupy said lands.

Elegzar Mattoon:

It has been said that twice the Indians have killed so

many that all attempts would be useless to re-settle the .North Field.

Benjamin Wright:

Ay, useless to settle, if only a few have the courage to go. Our safety lies in numbers.

Eleasar Mattoon:

Did not the second settlement of 1685 remain but a few years, and come straggling back, what were left, like cows to the bars, after much killing of their men by the savages?

Benjamin Wright:

It is true we came back, but now we go forth again, stronger in numbers; and, it please God, and still again, if we are beaten back, and again, till the savages themselves are driven from the land.

Samuel Partridge:

It is my intention to ask if it is the desire of those present to sign these resolutions.

All:

Aye! Aye! Aye!

Samuel Partridge:

Then shall we call for those signatures whose names are now read.

Dwight:

"Benjamin Wright! Ebenezer Wright! Nathaniel Alexander! Judah Hutchinson! Joseph Alexander! Joseph Parsons! Isaac Warner! William Boltwood! Timothy Hilliard! Joseph Clary! Joseph Root! Eleazar Warner! Moses Lyman!"

Eleazar Mattoon:

In the space of a short time we may also sign our names, who have not already done so: Thomas Taylor, Peter Evens, Hesekiah Stratton, Isaac Mattoon, Zechariah Field, and Joseph Severance, who have so expressed their willingness.

Samuel Partridge:

May we hope that they, and many others, will be so moved. There is not much more to be said, only to wish you God-speed. And now, Goodman Alexander, may we ask you to implore the Divine blessing on this so mighty an undertaking.

Alexander:

"O, Gracious Father, Who hath mercifully inclined Thy

ear to the cry of distress from many a wilderness, guide us, we pray, in safety to this new town which we go forth to build, and lead us in truth and in honor, for all time. Amen".

Scene II.

The Court granted the petition to be made a town in July, 1723, and Benjamin Wright was named to assemble the inhabitants for the election of their own officers.

Benjamin Wright:

No news yet of the scouts sent out to discover if old Gray Lock is on our path again. Here, if I mistake not, is the spot where the savages killed my father in '75, and if they are not brought to terms soon I will myself lead the scouts out to teach the Indians a lesson. A messenger! Ho, there! What news?

Messenger:

A letter for one Benjamin Wright, from Boston.

Benjamin Wright:

Then the very one you want addresses you. A letter! with the Court's seal! I cannot delay knowing if our petition to become a town is settled. (Opens the letter and reads). Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! It is true! I have lived to see the day when we can stand on our feet alone; a town of our own making! Come on! Come on, you savages! We'll fight you! I say we'll fight you till you haven't a red skin left! A town meeting we'll have this very day! Hear ye! Hear ye! Town meeting tonight! Hear ye! Hear ye! Town meeting tonight.

CHARACTERS.

Benjamin Wright Le Jos. Alexander Le Samuel Partridge Henry Dwight Eleazar Mattoon	on R. Alexander, (descendant)
Messenger	Edward Morgan
Italph Leach	A. S. Merrill
Clifford Field	Herbert A. Reed
Joseph Colton	Alexander Pearson
Lawrence Lazelle	C. L. Johnson
E. F. Howard	Dr. G. T. Thompson
	F. H. Montague
H. H. Chamberlin	
H. M. Bristol	C. E. Bittinger
Albert Irish	

EPISODE IV.

Scene I.

"Star of the unconquered will, thy name is Courage".

Assembly of men and women, 1774.

Elihu Lyman:

Friends and neighbors, what think you of the news of the Stamp Act that reaches us today?

Captain Eldad Wright:

We consider it both unjust and unfair.

All:

Unjust! Aye, and unfair!

Elihu Lyman:

Are we free men of the colonies or not?

All:

We are!

Elihu Lyman:

As free men, shall we submit to this injustice?

All:

We shall not!

Elihu Lyman:

Is there anything we can do?

All:

Aye! Aye! Aye!

Men:

We can and shall refuse taxation!

Women:

We can refuse English goods! We will spin and weave and make our own!

Men:

—we rebel against injustice! Our ancestors were led by courage to purchase the land and possess it! We are inheritors of their courage and of this land, and insist that we are free citizens of the American colonies!

Scene II.

The Lexington alarm reached Northfield at noon, April 20, 1775.

Messenger:

To arms! To arms! The British are at Lexington! To arms!

Scene III.

Elihu Lyman beat the long roll, and the Northfield men were soon on the way to Cambridge.

Impersonated by Vernon (Vt.) townspeople.

Elihu Lyman Rev. Alfred H	Evans
Captain Wright H. E. Po	
Little Girl Thelma H	Colton
(10th conera	tion)

Mrs. Rena Vaughan Florence Weatherhead Helen Hughes Kathleen Gerrish Edith Gerrish Maude Radway Mildred Prescott Beatrice Prescott Charles Norman Gladys Brown Roland Stuart Hattie Johnson Dwight Johnson Mary Frost Lawrence Johnson Ionia Johnson Lillian Ainsworth Henry Johnson Gertrude Brown Ellen Johnson Leon Brooks Edward Church Mrs. Edward Church Leonard Beach Howard Buffum Alfred Evans Mrs. Alfred Evans Florence Ainsworth Lillian LaCount Clive Martindale

W. E. Derrig Mrs. W. E. Derrig Carl Derrig John Miner C. H. Wilson Philip Holton Mrs. Josie E. Holton A. V. Jillson Claudia Twiss W. P. Phetteplace Charles Browning Archie Ainsworth Charles Hale Dorothy French Gladys French Marion Ainsworth George Nickerson William Walker P. W. Burrows Mrs. P. W. Burrows S. J. Martineau Mrs. S. J. Martineau Leon Pike Maynard Miller Grace Johnson Doris Ross Harold Miner H. E. Powers Clyde Sherwin

EPISODE V.

"The vision of achievement made real by Courage".

In 1815 Timothy Swan was a renowned hat maker.

Scene 1.

Broom corn was raised early in 1800, but did not develop as an industry until some years later. By 1830 broom making was an established business.

March of the Ladies of the '30s and their Brooms.

LADIES WITH BROOMS.

(Entrance in order named).

CAST.

Mrs. O. L. Leach
Mrs. Mabel Morgan
Mrs. R. O. Leach
Mrs. Robert McNeil
Mrs. C. L. Gilbert
Mrs. E. C. Field
Mrs. F. V. Wood
Mrs. F. H. Montague
Mrs. Oren Darling (83 years old)

Scene II.

In 1855 some 155,000 brooms were made in Northfield.

Dance of the Cornhusk Dolls.

CORN HUSK DOLLS.

Emma Bigelow Sophie Bolinski Annie Hudzik Jennie Cembalisty Erma Stebbins Stella Sleva Ellen Callaghan Mary Callaghan Gladys Lapan Mary Repeta Sadie Whitney Elizabeth Whitney Flora Fisher Ruth Hammond Polly Parker Helen Letwinsky Cora Smolen Flora Callaghan Polly Saczawa Catherine Gray Amelia Urgielewicz Ellen Bolton Alberta Lane Annie Skibnouski Julia Alexander Harriet Atkinson Elinore Bryant Katherine Cotter Georgia French

Edith Miner Josie Scryba Alice Black Minnie Repeta Dorothy Quinlan Frances Callaghan Edna Sleva Anna Saczawa Bessie Cembalisty Virginia Clapp Mary Franco Eveline Haven Nellie Gmyrek Esther Schyrba Jane Callaghan Catherine Sacrava Rose Ladzinski Anna Schryba Cora Sleva Ruth French Elizabeth Gordon Mary Plotczyk Marion Newton Evangeline Kelly Pauline Malbon Esther Maynard Miriam Moody Dorothy Newton Dorothy Pearson

Anne Gordon Dorothy Johnson Priscilla Porter Polly Pattison Helen Urgelewicz Elizabeth Kasandi Elsie Tiffin Smith Sophie Szestowieki Evelyn Hill Ellen Gardner Marjorie Field Eunice Holton Elsie Havercroft Minnie Szestowieki Marion Bistrek Edna Bistrek Doris Clough Stella Zabko May Dymierski Teter Bartus Josie Bartus Elsie Tenney

Marian Bittinger Helen Nye Stella Skibniouski May Thompson Christine Gray Helen Szestowieki Evelyn Havercroft Esther Havercroft Gladys Hill Planche Hill Mary Ruir Elsie Whitney Tessie Bolinski Mildred Hallock Marion Wells Charlotte Shearer Annie Bartus Catherine Scoble Virginia Stevens Elizabeth Ostroski Elizabeth Eastman Helen Zabko

EPISODE VI.

War Wedding of the Sixties.

"Go forth, armed with right and justice, with Courage to guide you".

Impersonated by townspeople of Hinsdale, N. H.

Scene I. Arrival of the Guests.

Scene II.
The Wedding.

Scene III.
The Departure of the Soldiers.

Scene IV.
The Soldier's Farewell

Scene V.
The Wedding Guests.

CAST.

Bride: Sybil Stearns

Groom: Winfred F. Robertson Bride's Mother: Ida Stratton

Minister: Roy D. Taylor

BRIDE'S MAIDS.

Lamoile Langworthy
Eileen O'Brien
Mildred Merritt
Teresa Golden
Elizabeth Hinchey
Mildred Booth
Lila Stewart
Elizabeth Hall

Velma Bruce
Elizabeth Kimball
Dorothy White
Ruth Browning
Hilda Sawyer
Mildred Pike
Priscilla Fay
Marjorie Fay

SOLDIERS.

Jessie W. Field
Fred A. Buckley
Frank O. Packard
Charles F. Dickerman
Steven O. Packard
Joseph A. Howe
Frank C. Dickerman
Roy E. Pierce
Clarence G. Walker
Elmer F. Coons
Louie E. Dickerman
Clarence E. Howe

Lloyd H. Pickett
Leland A. Johnson
Henry Tacey
Winfred Brooks
Cleveland Standclift
Milton Bigsby
Fred Dickerman
Clayton Stanclift
Percy Stewart
Frank Stetson
Harlan Owen
Raymond Smith

GUESTS AT THE WEDDING.

Doris M. Garfield Elizabeth C. White Marion R. Stearns Hannah H. Pike Abbie H. Robertson
Mary Lamb
Ellen C. W. Kimball
Clara L. Stearns
Bertha D. Moyer Mary J. Barron Fannie E. Bouchie Jennie R. Nims Rose H. Jeffords Eleanor Jeffords Elizabeth R. Stearns Eva S. Fay Cora H. Smith Mollie H. Booth Plila B. Leonard Charlotte Sheehan Ellen Stearns Doris Stearns

Michael D. White Willis D. Stearns Ezra B. Pike Clarence B. O'Neal John M. Lamb Clarence R. Hildreth John Finn Montville Crafts Thomas Rouilard Clarence Bevis Paul Young Ernest Adams Gordon Moyer William Walter Ralph Wallace Leonard Young Robert Dickerman George E. Robertson Frank W. Jeffords Gustavus S. Smith Harry J. J. Lasher Joseph R. Reddin

Villa Howe
Bernice Langworthy
Corrine Stewart
Nettie Stewart
Lena H. O'Neal
Bessie Bodine
Helen Hildreth
Clara Stearns
Maude Dickerman
Eva C. Robertson
Louis N. Stearns
Harold S. Garfield

Eldon Sargeant
George Howe
Alonzo Hudson
Ivan Harlow
John W. Royce
John Cook
L. H. May
Leo Marshall
Walker Kimball
Roy Merritt
Harold White
Prentice W. Taylor

EPISODE VII.

"The path of Progress, lit by a guiding star".

The Procession of Vehicles.

The Pillion.

Rev. Benjamin Doolittle and his bride arrived in Northfield to preach in November, 1717.

Families travelled to settle in a new place in ox cart or flat

wagon.

Ebenezer Field, the first blacksmith, and his wife, the first teacher, arrived from Deerfield in 1721.

The Stage Wagon of 1750, sometimes called a "Flying Machine".

The two-wheeled chair of Jonathan Belding, 1763.

The stage from Worcester, 1797, brought also mail to the newly established post office.

Early in 1800 several townsmen owned a one-horse chaise.

The Phaeton of the Victorian Period.

The Carry-all.

EPISODE VIII.

"A Star to Guide".

Impersonated by Springfield-Northfield Neighbors and Northfield Public Schools.

Scene I.

The World Fred Crane
Wisdom and Learning Rhoda Lyman
Wealth Mary S. Field
Man Arthur Field
Unlearned Youth Ethel F. Jackson
Inspiration Mrs. Harry Lyman
Hope Florence Lyman
Endeavor Mrs. Walter Fisher

Wisdom and Learning follow in the wake of the World. Unlearned Youth is striving for Wisdom and Learning. Poverty holds her back. She struggles on, but Wealth stands in her way. Man sees her brave attempt; he starts to her aid, when suddenly Inspiration comes to him, showing Hope and Endeavor which he in turn brings to Unlearned Youth. Poverty falls back and also Wealth, and Hope and Endeavor help Youth at last to succeed in following Wisdom and Learning.

In 1829 the Northfield Academy of Useful Knowledge was incorporated as a school and continued as an institution of learning until 1843.

Bells Song.

School bells! Clear on the air they ring Through all the years

To youths and maids their warning message bring.

School bells! Calling them all in line—Calling to school the boys and girls of 1829.

Girls:

Tell us truly what you have there.

Boys:

We have our Greek and our Latin prose,.
And also Cicero.

Tell us, pray do, what you have there.

Girls:

The deep and weighty classics.

All:

These are things we know.



Old Field House and Main Street



D. L. Moody



Trinitarian Congregational Church

A select school for boys and girls succeeded the Academy of Useful Knowledge, and was the main source of instruction for the youth of the middle nineteenth century.

Bells Song.

School bells! Clear on the air they ring Through all the years,

To youths and maids their warning message bring.

School bells! Telling of work to do
At the select school for the boys and girls
of '52.

Boys:

Tell us, pray do, what things you learn.

Girls:

We learn to paint and to draw and sing, We also learn to sew.
Tell us, truly, what you best know.

Boys:

At Euclid rules we labor— These are things we know.

The Northfield Seminary was founded by Mr. Dwight L. Moody in 1879. Inspiration came to him to give to worthy girls the opportunity for the education they might earnestly desire.

The first graduation was in 1884, with a class of twelve.

Bells Song.

School bells! Clear on the air they ring Through all the years,

To youths and maids their warning message bring.

Ring out! Still sweeter than before; School days are through, life starts anew for the girls of '84.

Girls:

Ring out, sweet bells! We won this day, With Hope to guide, and Endeavor, too, To lead us on our way. Life shows other ways, yet there appears Endeavor leading onward through future years.

BELLS.

Esther Morgan Gertrude Irish Winifred Irish Dorothy French Helane Hill Evelyn Atwood Gladys French Bernice Billings

CLASS OF 1829.

Acton Civill
Lewis Wood
Leon Dunnell
Paul Judson
Malcolm Billings
Linwood Bryant
Chandler Holton
Vincent Barnes
Fred Irish

Estelle Sword
Grace Lavelle
Ethelynd Sheldon
Ruth Gordon
Sophie Glabach
Annie Kelly
Agatha Podlenski
Esther Tenney
Elsie Holton

CLASS OF 1852.

Lawrence Quinlan
Ione Miller
James Dale
Clara Hill
Francis Reed
Elizabeth Royce
Stanley Bistrek
Elizabeth Cembalisty
Clinton Ware

Ida Sheldon
Walter Aldrich
Helen Whitney
Dean Williams
Anna Bistrek
Richard Clough
Kathleen Gerrish
Gordon Reed
Anna Urgielewicz

CLASS OF 1884.

Edna Cullen Alice Taber Mary Turtle Gladys Elithorpe Elizabeth Dickens Eva Nassif Vera Barrnes
Lucy Stewart
Mildred Pearson
Nellie Vaughn
Jean Hall
Dorothy Judson

EPISODE IX.

"The quenchless star—Courage".
World War Scene.

Clear rang the trumpet, War's martial sound,
Rousing the men across the sea.
Quick came their help, when they rallied 'round
To fight where the need of their strength might be.

They came with drums and with marching feet; Brave, in their youth, with cheer and song; Their eyes were bright with quenchless hope, With eager hope, as they marched along. Ah, they fought—those men—those gallant youth!
And they fought with a courage we can't forget!
And a mighty throng are dead and still—
They are wounded—dying—but fighting yet!

With faltering strength they look to us;
Look to the land so brave and great!
They're waiting—watching—for our men!
Will they come—will they come too late?

Hasten, men! Prove your country's pride
In the land that mighty deeds spring from!
Let those heroes shout from ev'ry side—
O, God be praised! The Americans come!

Spirit of Northfield:

I am the Spirit of Northfield! Let me know sacrifice, and let me know sorrow; for I shall also know that I am on the side of the oppressed. Gladly and freely, then, I give my sons to you, in the name of humanity.

AMERICAN LEIGON.

Arthur Dorr
Ector Wallet
Richard G. Holton
Fred Huber
Max Huber
Charles Schauwecker
Max Stedenfeld
Albert Spencer
Edward H. Fleming
Clarence M. Steadler
George McEwan
L. E. Smith
F. C. Schauwecker

T. M. Daniel H. C. Risdon L. W. Minor C. G. Ross

G. T. Parkington H. L. Dickinson

L. W. Clarke A. M. Johnson M. H. Snow H. D. Parker H. W. Nims W. L. Ross W. C. Reed J. N. Lincoln T. Pedersen R. R. Johnston Paul Jordan Charles La Bella Fred Tanski Harry Murray Fred Bolton Harold Thomas John Broderick Miles Morgan

JUSTICE.

(To be announced)

SPIRIT OF NORTHFIELD.

Ida E. Leavis

EPISODE X.

"The Guiding Star".

History:

I am History! For you I have turned back the page of Time to show you Progress, leading men through the wilderness; Religious Freedom, the beginning of Democracy and Justice, and Education, and Industry. I have shown you Patriotism, who has inspired men to do all things—to be all things for the land we love best. And these have been day-stars of might. But, greatest of all, I have shown you Courage, the guiding star; and finally, the Spirit of Northfield, with her inheritance of achievement and her responsibility to achieve.

HISTORY.

Mrs. Ambert G. Moody.

O, Northfield, fair the green-clad fields
Thy girdling hills unfold;
But fairer still the words and deeds
Of all thy men of old.
What stories, brave and fine and true,
Of all thy early years;
No threading stream through valley wide
So fair and bright appears.

With strength and will to stand the fight,
Each heart with hope was thrilled;
With glorious courage, step by step,
Their vision was fulfilled.
O, Northfield, guard thy honored name;
Let Courage shine afar,
Down all the years, a beacon light,
To be thy guiding star.

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

- 1. 50 yard Dash, for men.
- 2. 50 yard Dash, for boys up to 14 years.
- 3. Running Broad Jump.
- 4. Running High Jump.
- 5. Standing Broad Jump.
- 6. Sack Race.
- 7. Potato Race.
- 8. Potato Race, for boys up to 14 years.
- 9. Three-legged Race.
- 10. Shot Put.

Base Ball Game, Married Men vs. Single Men.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

East Northfield

Leave, north bound.
Standard Time.

7.25 and 10.07 a.m.

4.50 and 8.53 p. m.

Leave, south bound.

4.45 and 8.25 a. m.

1.29 and 5.47 p.m.

ASHUELOT BRANCH

Leave.

4.10 and 8.25 a. m..

Arrive

1.14 and 7.51 p.m.

CENTRAL VERMONT R. R.

Northfield

Leave south bound.

8.24 a. m.

1.54 p. m.

Leave, north bound.

9.40 a.m.

4.25 p. m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION TO PAGEANT.

Children (Including War Tax)\$.35
Adults (Including War Tax)	
Including unreserved seat and War Tax	1.00
Including reserved seat and War Tax	1.50

Reserved seats may be secured in advance of Frank W. Kellogg at The Northfield, East Northfield, Mass.

Accommodations.

Accommodations may be engaged through the Hospitality committee or at the office of The Northfield hotel in private boarding houses.

Rest Rooms Provided.

The vestries of the Unitarian church in Northfield and Trinitarian Congregational church in East Northfield, also Dickinson Memorial Library are available as rest rooms.

Information Bureau.

Information may be had on matters pertaining to the celebration and of the care of visiting guests and their comfort at Dickinson Memorial Library, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Inquire for Mr. or Mrs. Fred Hale, who are in charge.

Public Telephone.

A telephone has been installed for the convenience of visiting guests at the information bureau in Dickinson Memorial Library.

First Aid Quarters.

A room in the High School building is arranged for first-aid service in emergencies, with the Community Nurse, Miss Beth Britton in charge.

HISTORIC PLACES.

Pechaug Hill, on road to Hinsdale, N. H.; Indian atrocities.

Ledge in front of Trinitarian Congregational church; Indian atrocities.

Webster Hill, Main street; site of old fort.

E. M. Morgan place, South Main street; site of final settlement, old fort and Council Rock.

W. J. Wright place, South Main street; site of first religious service.

Beers Plain, Plain street; burial place of Capt. Beers; Indian atrocities.

